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Hello, I have an observation and comments on the subject of the Tire Crumb Rubber Characterization Report.

"In general, the findings from the report support the premise that while chemicals are present as expected in the tire crumb rubber, human exposure appears to be limited based on what is released into air or simulated biological fluids."

In the released Part One the above was stated. My observation has to do with watching NFL games on TV in high definition. In all these games, numerous times, you can see the crumb rubber become airborne, sometimes as high as 2-3 feet in the air. Players are routinely tackled, dive to the ground, drag their feet, slide sending the rubber flying every which way. Your conclusion therefore, that human exposure appears to be limited, is flawed.

The crumb rubber is airborne regularly throughout play, being breathed in, going in noses, in eyes, sticking to skin and hair. I can see it and millions of other viewers who don't realize just what's in that substance, they're seeing it too.

These are grown men making a decision to play on this toxic material (I don't understand the EPA being unable to call it what it is) for millions of dollars.

What about the high school kids or the Pee Wee footballers? All those substances you listed in your 456 page Part One are harmful. Either the EPA is for the people especially the children on this or they continue to break their covenant with the people to help protect their environment.

What to do with toxic tires, I do understand the seriousness of that problem. Recycling the rubber though into playing fields, playgrounds, even play mats just seems ludicrous for it's our children who are being exposed, on a daily basis. Kids sneakers are melting from the heat generated by these rubber products they're playing on for pete's sake! The chemicals in the artificial grass blades is also unacceptable and a whole can of worms in itself.

Production and installation needs to halt on these products. Why was it ever allowed for so long? Even after the dangers were clear to those studying it, the United States government subsidized the installation of this toxic turf in countless communities across the country. The EPA had no comments, no warnings, no reports for them.

That was years ago. Now we're still waiting for the all important Part Two of your report. Please publish ASAP.

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